

FERGUSON, Mark W.J.
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 13 and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as allegedly lacking written description. The rejection is traversed.

The Examiner contends that Applicant has not provided written description of any compound meeting the limitation "composition for promoting the healing of wounds with reduced scarring" (claim 13) or "composition for promoting the healing of chronic wounds" (claim 14). In fact, such compositions were well known in the art at the relevant date and, as the Examiner is aware, an applicant is not required to re-teach that which was known.

For example, USPs 5,662,904, 6,331,298, 5,972,335, 6,140,307 and 6,060,460 disclose compositions suitable for promoting healing of wounds with reduced scarring (claim 13). Similarly, USP 5,972,335 discloses compositions for promoting the healing of chronic wounds (claim 14). These patents, or the International Applications from which they derived, were published (and thus known in the art) at the priority date of the present invention.

In view of the above, the Examiner is urged to reconsider the rejection and withdraw same.

A Form PTO/SB/08a listing the above patents is attached. The Examiner is requested to initial and return same.

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This application is submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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